

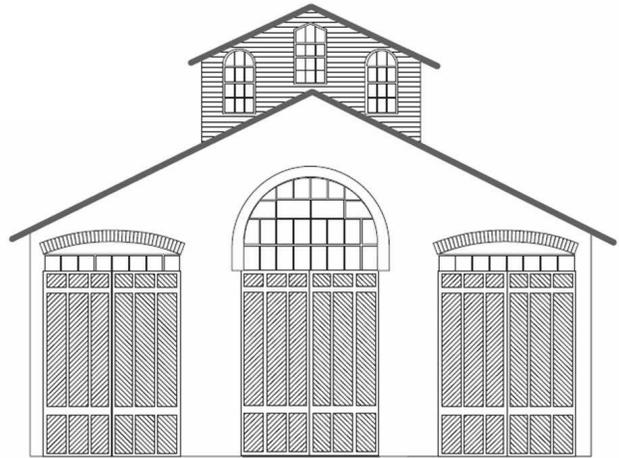
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The News

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Model of the Fourth Quarter in 2015

Troy, MI: The subject for the Model of the Fourth Quarter in 2015 is a pedestrian bridge. This bridge can be any of a variety of bridges that allow pedestrians a pathway over a river, change in terrain or another right-of-way. The model can represent a prototype from any era.

The rules are as follows:

1. The structure cannot start from a ready-to-run model.
2. The structure model may be built in any scale.
3. The model can be either
 - 3.1. Scratch-built *OR*
 - 3.2. Kit-built *OR*
 - 3.3. Kit-bashed
4. The model must be painted.



Entrants will be judged at the December 2015 meeting of Division 8.

Three Thoughts from the Super

Let's Have a Name

Most of the Divisions in the North Central Region are known by numbers. We're number 8. South of us is Division 6, etc. I am reminded of the camp call "We are table number 7, where is table 8?" At the Convention in Portland, I saw some guys wearing cool black shirts with nice logos proclaiming they were from the Piedmont Division. A quick check of the NMRA web site lists many divisional names, such as Winnebagoland Div., Rock River Valley Div., Turkey Creek Div. Chisholm Trail Div., Maple Leaf Div.....you get the idea. Now as far as it goes, "8" is an OK number, but I think we can do better. Let's have a name. If you were at the September meeting, you know that I announced a plan to establish a name. If you have a suggestion for a name, turn it in to Secretary Bill Gawthrop or myself at the October or November meeting, or email one of us. At its December meeting, the board will narrow the suggestions down to 4 or 5, which will be presented to you at the membership meeting. We'll vote on a name to use, and then we'll pursue whatever it takes to get the name officially recognized by the NMRA, regionally and nationally.

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New Screen for Troy Christian Chapel

Troy, MI: The Board of Directors has voted to Give the Troy Christian Capel money for the Chapel to purchase a new movie screen.

Layout Tour Chairman Needed

Troy, MI: We Say Again: We are STILL looking for a person to chair the Division 8 layout tours. Candidates should apply to the Division 8 Superintendent. Oh come on, don't be bashful. Support your Super!

Recruiting

Troy, MI: ken Scherer will man a booth focused on recruiting at the upcoming Gratiot Valley Show and Sale.

Tip

Troy, MI: Phil Doolittle reports that a small Ryobi Drill can be used to make very small holes such as holes for hand grabs, etc. in rolling stock.

There's still plenty of good weather to chase trains! Here's a couple of my recent catches.

Westbound merchandise, Whitefish, MT



The Station at White Sulphur Springs, WV

Bill Gawthrop photos

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Trains for Travel for Trains

Time was when trains were for travel, no matter what the reason for travel. Now it seems we model railroaders travel for trains. Several of us recently returned from Portland, Oregon, where we attended the NMRA Annual Convention and National Train Show. Even as I write this, I'm busy preparing to travel to Brampton, Ontario to participate in a large Free-mo setup at the Brampton Train Show. Division 8 Secretary Bill and I will travel to Syracuse, NY, in November for another Free-mo setup. My wife and I went to Lexington, KY, for the MCR regional convention, and many Division 8 members will head to Fort Wayne, IN, for the NCR regional convention in October. Add to all that the travel that many members do to "rail-fan" and post great photographs of 12" to the foot scale railroads, and the scurrying around SE Michigan we do for operating sessions, train shows, and layout tours, and it seems that our hobby and passion have us on the go. Well, at least a few of us took the opportunity to actually USE trains for some of our travel. My wife and I rode a train from Seattle to Portland, and then the Empire Builder from Portland to Minneapolis/St. Paul. Several of you took that train to Portland and/or back, and at least one headed south from Portland by rail. Hey, it's all good. Just take the time to stop and "smell the roses" along the way. Our train touring gives us all great opportunities to explore what else there is to see in our interesting country.

NMRA Magazine

My dues renewal notice just came. It reminded me that there is a \$22 difference between just dues, and dues WITH the NMRA Magazine. THAT reminded me that there might be members in our division who do not subscribe to the magazine. If you are one of those, boy I sure would like to encourage you to spend that little extra to get the magazine. New Editor Cinthia Priest does a fine job of assembling

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Show & Tell

This Month's Theme Something from a Convention

Phil Doolittle's latest project is the upgrading and weathering of HO scale rolling stock. One example is a covered hopper, DOCX in which he replaced the stock end platforms and the roof walk with an etched metal one. Phil also displayed three other models for comparison



Bill Gawthrop offered an HO scale, large brick warehouse which he built from a Walthers Cornerstone kit. This is one of many structures that he is adding to his industrial district [Ferndale South Extension] module.



Richard Kubeck brought in two electrical instruments, an RRampmeter and a continuity tester.



Rick Ware brought in a Hartland Locomotive Works "Value Line" tank car kit with modified dome. He added piping and ladders and railing. He scratchbuilt the link-pin couplers and weathered the "G" scale model.



Mark Mincek offered two 3-dome tank cars in HO scale. He bought these HO scale, Tangent models at the Portland National Train Show.



Tom Weiss brought in info on the titanic Museum



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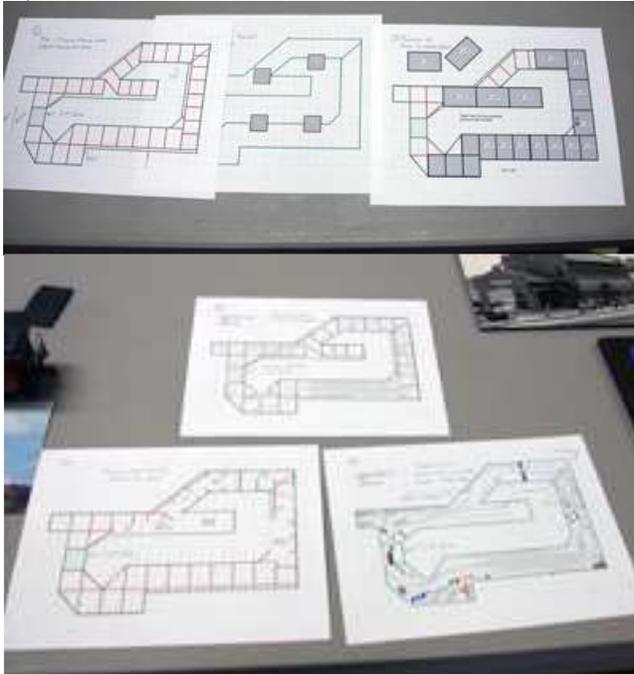
Dan Lewis displayed beautiful photos that he entered into the photo contest at the NMRA Convention in Portland. His efforts were well rewarded as you can see.



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Saul Kalbfeld displayed plans for his new HO scale layout.



Larry Wolohon was also a winner at the NMRA Convention with his third-place award for an O scale Great Northern caboose. Larry built the model from a kit.



Dan Mitzel brought in a Hiawatha passenger train.



Fred Cosgrove offered a book, The Lincoln Train is Coming.



Fred also brought in post cards that he purchased at the recent Troy, Ohio showing of the Lincoln Funeral Train.

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Upcoming Events	October Clinic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Oct. 29 – Nov. 1: North Central Region Convention, Fort Wayne, IN, http://www.nmra.org/region-conventions#NorthCentral ➤ Oct. 31 – Nov. 1: Gratiot Valley Trains Show, Mt. Clemens, MI, http://www.gvrr.org/ 	<p>Brook Qualman will give a presentation on how she built structures for the Qualman's model railroad layout.</p>
Division 8 Board of Directors	Next Meeting's Show and Tell
<p>Superintendent: Phil Doolittle doolittle@comcast.net</p> <p>Treasurer: Paul Runyan prrdi61@gmail.com</p> <p>Secretary: Bill Gawthrop wegawthrop@aol.com</p> <p>Director: John Gavasso John Jackson jdsmjackson@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>The topic for Show & Tell is a structure or your favorite current project.</p>